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SUPPOSE YOU WERE STARVING?

With six million of your loved ones, friends and countrymen dying around you. Suppose you knew that all the straw from the roofs and all the harness leather, dogs, cats and crows had been eaten. *Suppose cannibalism was common in your land.*

And suppose you knew of a land where there was plenty of food, clothing, medicine and money, a land where the sick had good care. A land where the cost of luxuries alone would save the lives of the whole six million dying around you. A Christian land.

And suppose you turned your hopes toward the land of plenty, and looked for life-saving gifts of food, clothing, medicines and money. And suppose those gifts failed to come.

Ukrania is the land in need. Six million people are starving and near to death. Your land is a land of plenty. *Pray they may not look in vain.*

WON'T YOU HELP?

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Six Million People Face Starvation in the Ukraine during the coming winter in Southern Russia, unless outside help reaches them. These figures are issued by the Ukrania Government, and confirmed by the International Committee for Russian Relief.

The Land is Burnt Black and stripped of trees and plants. The straw of the roofs has been eaten, and even cats, dogs, crows and the leather from harnesses. You hear and get proof of cannibalism. Parents are warned to keep their children in sight.

Five Thousand Congregations of Christian Believers are among the suffering ones, and in great need. We aim to relieve their pastors and people first, and through them to minister to others.

We voice the Appeal of The Union of Evangelical Christians and the Council of the All-Ukranian Baptists.

Both Societies Will Share in the Distribution of the Relief Material. Our own Commission visited this District, and addressed the Ukraine Government on behalf of American Christians, offering Food, Clothing, Medicines and Money. The Government made prompt reply, and an agreement is being negotiated.

Two Well-Known Missionary Societies—The Russia Evangelization Society, of New York, and the Christian Testimony to the Jews, of Philadelphia—have united to form the **American Christian Relief Mission,** though still continuing the evangelization work for which they were organized.

Food, Clothing, Medicines and Money are all needed. One Dollar a Month will save a child from death; two dollars a month will feed an adult; $500 a month will establish a feeding station for 500 children.

Send Your Gifts for relief to the

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Death Stalks in Russia

Heart-Rending Story of Conditions Found by Our Mission to the Land of Woe.

By Pastor O. R. Palmer, *Philadelphia, Pa.*

Illustrations by Courtesy Ukraine Relief Society

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL FOR FAMINE SUFFERERS

London, Aug. 11, 1922,
The Russia Evangelization Society,
156 5th Ave., New York, N. Y.,
Dear Brethren:

Greetings to you in Christ Jesus from London. I reached here on Monday evening of this week and expect to leave for America on the SS 'President Polk,' U. S. Line on the 19th.

Four of us Mr. Hellyer, Mr. Centz, Mr. Gitlin and I entered Russia on the 13th of July. We visited Kiev together and Mr. Gitlin went from there to Ekateriaslov and then on to Odessa to carry advance relief. The rest of us went to Kharkov, the Capital of Ukrania to consult with the Officials and to make if possible, permanent arrangements, whereby we might not only get the privilege of taking in future supplies, but if possible to get free transportation, and suitable accommodations and provision for our workers. I was there two weeks—that is, in Russia—and when I left the negotiations were favorable to this end.

Mr. Centz was to proceed from Kharkov to Moscow for a conference with Mr. Prokhanof. Both Mr. Hellyer and myself had intended to meet him there by previous arrangement, but I was taken ill in Kharkov and it was thought best that I return via Kiev to Warsaw. From Moscow Mr. Centz was to go to Kiev to perfect our arrangements for relief in that centre, and to distribute clothing, Scriptures, and hymn books which we had been enabled to ship through, and then to go to Odessa.

PRAYER WAS ANSWERED.

Mr. Hellyer followed me three days later and went with me to Warsaw, where we are making arrangements to have money forwarded; then with me to Berlin, where additional funds had been cabled us from The Christian Testimony to the Jews, and from there to return to Odessa to meet Mr. Centz

and Mr. Gitlin, and to arrange for present and future relief in that and neighboring sections where the famine in the Province of Ukrania is at its worst.

The Lord has wrought most graciously for us in answer to prayer, making it possible for us to enter at all, granting us the favor and co-operation of the authorities, who took our most valuable things in under their own seal and in care of their courier. The Minister of Trade took charge of our shipment of clothing, medicine, Scriptures and hymn books, took them through over the border, which is a very difficult proposition, and on to Kiev subject there to our disposition. We trust that our permament arrangments which are in progress may be even more favorable than this.

CHRISTIANS ARE IN WANT.

The situation is distressing even in the sections where famine conditions do not prevail, many congregations of Believers suffering with the rest. In the southern portion of the province several million of people are in a starving condition. "A great door is opened" to us for the saving of life, and through the material help given we have the opportunity of distributing the Scriptures and preaching Christ.

We made our direct appeal on the ground that we were taking in relief, of which we had good proof, and that we desired to interest the Christian people of America in the need of their suffering brethren in Russia so as to get in additional relief, and that our work was strictly non-political and non-sectarian, although we desired to take in Scripture and to evangelize along with our relief. With this plea we went directly to the leading officials of the government, and they received us with the utmost courtesy and have treated us with great kindness. We therefore feel we have great cause for rejoicing, and want your committee and your co-helpers to rejoice with us.

I am enclosing copies of letters given me by the Executive Committee of the Union of Evangelical Christians and the Council of the All-Ukranian Baptists.

Conditions in general are very bad as one proceeds east on the Continent, even before crossing the border into Russia. Think of a Christian living on 17,000 Polish marks a month (a little over $3.00 in our money), with a wife and three children to support. They are compelled to live almost entirely on course black bread and an insufficient quantity of that.

On crossing the border, conditions grow rapidly worse. There is apparently a fine harvest in the northern part of Ukraine, but in the country as a whole, there is a marked deficit in the acreage sown in wheat and rye, the great staples of the country. This is due to various causes, such as lack of horses to cultivate the soil, lack of seed grain, a wearing out of agricultural implements, without any being manufactured to replace them, and marked decrease in the actual yield of grain.

DEATH AWAITS MANY.

With the exception of the farming communities, there is little employment for the people. If work can be obtained, wages are very low, while food and all necessary supplies are abnormally high. The clothing of the people is worn out, little is being manufactured to replace it, and the great majority have no means for purchasing, even if there were an abundant supply. The coming winter will bring acute suffering and even death to many, unless outside relief comes.

On no class of people has the burden fallen more heavily than upon the property holders, the better educated class of people, etc. Many of them have parted with whatever articles of value they possessed for food, until they are reduced to abject poverty and to the verge of starvation. It is people of this kind, helpless, perishing children and refugees fleeing from other famine districts, that the existing relief associations are ministering to. Each one of them with which we came in contact deserves the hearty support of liberty-loving and liberal-hearted Americans.

If such conditions prevail in the large centers outside the famine districts, imagine the situation where crops are a failure, the people reduced to famine conditions, emaciated or swollen by hunger, dragging them-

selves to cemeteries to die, buried by hundreds, if buried at all, in a common grave. We cannot paint the picture, even if we had the heart to do it, and have no desire to harrow the feelings of our readers. Suffice it to say that government statistics for the Province of Ukrania alone now show 6,000,000 people in a starving condition, and these must perish before another harvest comes *unless outside help reaches them.*

In addition to the terrible conditions described above, which came under his personal observation, some extracts from Bulletin No. 22 issued by the International Committee for Russian Relief will serve to emphasize the gravity of this situation. This organization is made up of representatives of European Governments, and, unlike the American Christian Relief Mission, is not particularly interested in relieving the distress of our Christian brethren in the famine-stricken areas.

MILLIONS FACE STARVATION.

The population of Ukraine is 26,000,000, of which 5,000,000 are reported to be in a starving condition, and recent Government satistics even place the number at 6,000,000.

The cause of the famine in the Ukraine is a severe and continued drought coming upon this fertile province, which ordinarily can care for itself and furnish food for other sections. This drought, with a decrease in the acreage sown, a breakage and wearing out of the agricultural implements which have not been replaced, and a loss of one-half of the horses needed to cultivate the soil, have all combined to produce the distressing conditions.

If one goes into the country and enters the homes and hospitals, he will witness awful tragedies and be convinced of the terrible distress which has come upon the people. *The land is burnt black and stripped of trees and plants. The straw of the roofs has been used for food for men and cattle; the people have eaten dogs, cats, crows, dead cattle and even the leather from harnesses. You hear and get proof of cannibalism, and see the people like skeletons lying in houses awaiting death, with no relief in sight.* You see hospitals with no beds, linen or medicine, and often with no physician—people lying on the floors in the utmost misery.

All are affected, native Ukranians and other nationalities living in the land. On some, however, the burden falls especially heavy. For instance, the Bulletin says of the Jewish people which in some large centers numbers one-fourth to one-third of the whole population, many are suffering greatly and subsisting for the most part in a state of extreme misery. The German colonists, formerly prosperous, living near the Sea of Azoff and the Black Sea, harvested only about one-twentieth of the seed grain they had sown, have exhausted their reserve supplies, lost over 90 per cent. of their horses and 50 per cent. of their cattle, and are in danger of extermination. In 1921, the percentage of starving among them was placed at 79 per cent, and this has increased with the continued drought.

DISEASE ADDS TO THE HORROR.

The famine conditions have greatly increased the susceptibility to disease. Epidemics, such as typhus and cholera, are raging, and the percentage of mortality is very great.

The cry of the suffering is piteous in the extreme. We quote from one: "In the name of humanity (and we add, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who had compassion on the multitudes), have pity on us, come to our help; we are perishing."

They need food, money, clothing, medicine.

HOW THE NEED MAY BE MET.

It surely should need no words of ours to show that the opportunity for relieving the suffering and also of saving lives is almost unlimited. The task, however, is so stupendous, the need so immense, and our individual resources so limited, that people of little faith might say with Andrew, "What are these among so many?" (John 6:5-12). Let us not forget, however, that we have a living Lord, who can still multiply loaves and fishes, and that He has His eye on these famishing multitudes upon whom He has the most tender compassion.

It was the meagre supply of the lad

that our Master used to feed the multitude, and He fed the most when He had the least to do it with. And to those who fear that in their giving to the Lord there may be a lack for themselves, remember that when the multitudes were fed the disciples gathered up far more than they had when they began to feed the hungry. "There is giving that increaseth." How poor are the believers who have not proved this to be true!

A LITTLE WILL DO MUCH GOOD.

Careful inquiring of those who have engaged in relief work shows the following:

One Dollar a month will provide one meal a day for *a child.*

Two Dollars a month will do the same for *an adult.*

Five Hundred Dollars a month will maintain a Feeding Station for 500 *children.*

One Thousand Dollars a month will maintain a Feeding Station for 500 *adults.*

HOW TO SEND YOUR GIFT.

Relief may be sent through the AMERICAN CHRISTIAN RELIEF MISSION Col. E. N. Sanctuary, treasurer, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City; Edw. A. Steele, Treasurer, 1600 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa., or to Hon. Sidney T. Smith, Treasurer, Grain Exchange, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Money sent to either address will be forwarded quickly, as will relief supplies.

Relief may also be sent through the American Relief Administration, the Joint Distribution Committee, and the Mennonite Brethren, all of whom are doing commendable work in Ukrania. Despite this excellent general relief work, however, many of our Russian Christian Brethren have been neglected, and we feel it to be our duty to minister to their needs first. "Let us do good unto all men, but especially to them that are of the household of faith."

EVANGELIZATION OPPORTUNITIES.

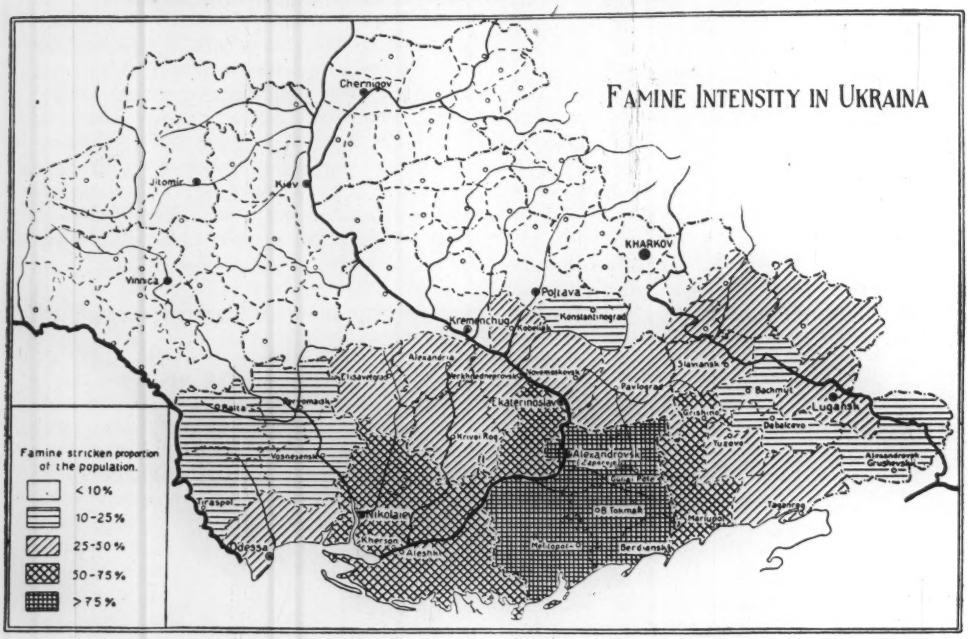
Along with this relief of suffering humanity, there is a glorious opportunity of giving the Gospel to the people. The Government officials have most kindly granted to us the privilege of shipping in and distributing Gospels, Testaments, Bibles and hymn books, for all of which there is a great need and call. For this and all the gracious leadings of our Lord, we are full of praise, and look to Him to continue to be our sufficiency for the work.

(Signed) O. R. PALMER. *President.*
AMERICAN CHRISTIAN RELIEF MISSION.

EFFECT OF FAMINE:— EMACIATION OR SWELLING

Our Brethren in Christ.

We Voice the Appeal of the Evangelical Christian Union and All-Ukranian Baptist Council.



Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:—

The Union of Evangelical Congregations in the District of Kiev, composed of 365 congregations and groups, send you hearty greetings in the love of Christ, and wish to express sincere gratitude for the great care you have for us as expressed in the persons of Brothers Palmer, Hellyer and Centz, who by their sojourn among us and holy fellowship with us have brought us much blessing and encouragement. Especially do we wish to emphasize the blessed ministry of Pastor O. R. Palmer, whose messages were full of love and encouragement, which can be likened to those of the Apostle John.

In addition to their spiritual work, the above mentioned brethren have personally investigated our needs. ***Evidently the Lord Himself led them to come across the ocean,*** not counting the difficulties and hindrances, that they might personally see the circumstances in which we live. They have done a work worthy of commendation, for which the Lord will reward them with His heavenly blessing.

The Holy Spirit prompts us through these brethren to inform the people of God concerning the following:—

Our land is experiencing an unprecedented hunger. It is impossible to describe in detail the terribleness of the scourge. Death daily carries away its thousands of victims. People walk about swollen or emaciated with hunger. There are places where in one grave there are buried more than a thousand people who died of hunger.

We see that the judgments of God are being poured out upon the land so long ago full of plenty, except in spiritual awakening. At the present time the field is cultivated by hunger and suffering, and *we cannot wait with the*

sowing of the pure seed of the Word of God.

In view of the above, we turn to you, Beloved Brothers and Sisters, asking that you will not refuse us help at this time. We call to you from far-away Ukrania. We who yet remain among the living stretch out our hands to you, and through these brethren *ask you to respond to our cry and not to allow us to suffer beyond our power to endure.*

In our Union we have about 30 Evangelists and workers, who with their families number about 150 persons, most of whom are hungry and half naked; but in spite of this they are determined, looking to the Lord Jesus Christ, to stand fast in His work unto the end, believing He will not forsake them and that He will send them help before long. We think it is also necessary to bring to your attention that in addition to the physical famine, there is also great spiritual hunger among us. *We have no Bibles, Testaments or song books, nor do we have any other spiritual literature,* which is so necessary for the spreading of the Kingdom of God.

We hope the echo of our cry will reach every corner, and that the people of God who hear it will be ready to respond with help, thereby saving many from physical and spiritual death.

Accept our hearty greetings, and believe us to be, your Brethren in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Executive Committee of the Union of Evangelical Christians
In the District of Kiev.
Signed by I. TKATCHENKO,
V. EGOROFF,
S. SUDAROFF,
L. SHENDEROWSKY,
E. SHEVCHENKO,
P. ERMAKOFF.

No Money; No Bread.

Kiev, Ukrania, July 21, 1922.

To Our Dear Brethren in Christ:—

From the 14th to the 21st of July we have had with us in Kiev our dear Brother Palmer, who transmitted to us verbally, as well as by letter, your brotherly greetings and your warm expressions of fellowship. We were made very happy and comforted in our grief by these. In addition, Brother Palmer was of great personal blessing and comfort to us by his conferences, sermons and by personal contact.

We thank you heartily, dear Brethren, for having visited us in the person of Brother Palmer, for your greeting and for your remembrance of your needy brethren. May God give you every spiritual and temporal blessing.

We think that our present condition is known to many of you, and therefore we will not speak of it. Even if we wanted to, we could not paint a picture of the poverty and the terrible conditions around us. *Most of our brethren are without money, without bread, clothing or heating material.* Whatever help we have received has been only as a drop in the ocean. We ask you, Brethren, to pray for us in your country, and if God will put it into your hearts to send us any material help we will ever remain most grateful to you.

With Brotherly Greetings, Your Brethren in the Lord.

D. PRAVOVIEROFF, *President.*
A. NESTERENKO, *Secretary.*
I. PRAVOVIEROFF, I. MILLER,
Members of Council.

May We Send a Speaker.

Speakers are available to tell of the needs of the suffering ones in Russia and the Ukraine. For the present travel will be limited within a radius of 150 miles of New York City. If desired, a stereopticon with interesting pictures is available. In the vicinity of New York City an especially interesting program may be had, with Russian songs and an address by a young American girl who is familiar with the Russian language. This should appeal to women's missionary societies and young people's societies.

Send your gifts for Russian Relief to either of the Treasurers named at the bottom of page 3. Gifts for evangelization work and Scripture distribution should be sent to RUSSIA EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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A Blue Pencil Mark Here or the Enclosure of a Subscription Blank Means That a Renewal of Your Subscription is Solicited.

Brothers in Need.

Five thousand congregations of Christian Believers are among the suffering ones in the Ukraine. These are our Brothers in the Lord. You, your friends and your church can minister to the poor and needy ones through the direct channel afforded by the AMERICAN CHRISTIAN RELIEF MISSION.

Christians Keep Praying.

While great stress is being laid on Relief for Russia, the usual work of the RUSSIA EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY must go on as in the past. The necessity for preaching the Gospel increases from day to day, and opportunities to commission valuable men are frequent. With doors opening into Russia, and hearts opening to the preaching of the Word, let every Christian pray the Gospel into Russia.

Attractive Lantern Slides.

If your church offers its members missionary information by means of the stereopticon, we will be glad to furnish desirable lantern slides and interesting reading matter concerning Russia. A few slides or an entire lecture can be furnished, and thus you will have an incentive for a generous response to your appeal for gifts to aid relief or evangelization work in Russia and Central and Southeastern Europe.

The Household of Faith.

It is not within the power of the Russia Evangelization Society to administer enormous quantities of supplies for all the suffering ones. But our connections with the inside Christian forces make it possible for us to minister to those of "the household of faith." Five thousand Christian congregations in the Ukraine face possible extinction this winter. Surely these are the ones for which the Christian people of America should first of all feel a personal responsibility, though not forgetting afterwards through them to minister to many others within their reach.

Definite plans for this Relief Work have been made through the visit of the Commission of the American Christian Relief Mission to the Ukraine during the past three months. Definite plans and arrangements have been made whereby all relief material can be quickly and economically transported and placed in the hands of the recognized leaders of the three Christian societies which have made their appeal to the American Christians through the AMERICAN CHRISTIAN RELIEF MISSION.

Generosity, charity, pity, call it what you will. But let us in haste respond to the needs of our fellow-men, "especially unto them who are of the household of faith." And God shall make recompense unto you. "Prove me now, saith the Lord, and see if I will not pour you out a blessing."

The Christian people in Southeastern Europe who have been groaning under misrule and oppression through long years are awakening to life. And none too soon. Even to-day the world is fearing further wars in this quarter. American Christians by their gifts for evangelization work in Central and Southeastern Europe, as well as in Russia, make the most effective protest against war.

Your Attention, Please.

The incorporated title of this society is RUSSIA EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY. Please draw your checks and money orders to the order of the society as above worded, or else to the Treasurer, Col. E. N. Sanctuary, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N Y. Please state whether your gift is intended for Evangelization work, Scripture distribution or Famine Relief. Include fifty cents for THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD, to keep in touch with conditions and to pray in accordance with the great need.

Clothing Needed.

Many will be glad to give clothing with which the suffering ones of Russia shall protect their bodies against the chill blasts of the coming winter, but unless this clothing is given intelligently and with careful thought as to the need to be met, some gifts may be of little value. To aid those who will take a real interest and give to meet the need, we append a carefully prepared list of garments, etc., which can best be used:—

Coats and sweaters, dresses, blankets, wool shirts, heavy hosiery, wool gloves and mittens, boots and shoes (must be tied in pairs), shop-worn garments, sheets for bandages, new cloth or garments, and any heavy, warm clothing in which there is still some wear.

These cannot be used:—Laces, silks, veils, chiffons, evening clothes, satin slippers, muslin underwear, high-heeled shoes, straw or frame hats, silk stockings.

We hope our readers will be guided in this matter by the wisdom of those who are already acquainted with the actual needs, also tell your friends about it.

Encouraging Words.

THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD arrived yesterday, and I rejoice at the work that is being done in that afflicted land. I am sending a small contribution, for I am not wealthy; am seventy-eight years old with no gifts of eloquence or anything of use, but I do pray daily for Russia and all in need of salvation. . . . . May I suggest a few names for one magazine, that the ministers of our local churches may do what I would like them to do—influence their missionary societies to help."

"Wish it (their gift) might be more, but we are only a small congregation (from 15 to 30) and hold our services in a little school-house. We had poor crops last year and almost a complete failure this year, so times are very hard financially, but God has given us health and strength, and we are praying for contentment, so trust all will be well. Our sympathy and prayers are with you, and may God wonderfully bless your good work. The priest's letter on page 11 impressed me wonderfully. Would to God we could help more and more of the Catholics to see the 'Water of Life.'" *(Smoky Vale Union Sunday School).*

"I am enclosing a copy of our Missionary Prayer Cycle, in which I believe you will be interested, inasmuch as we have felt led to remember your Society and its workers in prayer. We praise the Lord for raising up in these days Faith Missions, like yours, which stand 'for the faith once for all delivered to the saints,' and although we may not be able to do as much financially as we desire, we do know the value of intercession and want to be used as 'Intercessory Missionaries.'" Oh, that God would raise up more Intercessory Missionaries. Does your church have a Missionary Prayer Circle, and does the Circle have a Prayer Cycle? If not, resolve now to start one.

If this issue of THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD appeals to you, please hand it to a friend. Fifty cents would send it to your friend for a year.

WHENCE SHALL WE BUY BREAD THAT THESE MAY EAT?

The chasm of destruction for the starving millions of Russia has been successfully bridged by American generosity. Without the life-saving corn and other grain, 8,000,000 people in the Volga Valley alone would have perished miserably during the past four months. In other valleys other millions owe their lives to free gifts of American food and money.

It was a Herculean task, done with the might of a Hercules, and yet with the simplicity and kindliness of Jesus feeding the multitudes on the shore of Galilee.

Out of the best of the corn some was saved for planting. With renewed hope, and in a new vigor born of well-nourished bodies, the Russian people set to work to provide food for the year to come. At best it was a hard task. Draft animals were scarce, nearly all having gone to save lives during the height of the famine. Tractors were few. Man power and land were plentiful, but hand farming is a slow process.

With every effort that could be exerted, the most hopeful looked for one-fourth to one-third of a normally necessary crop. On that basis, it would still have been necessary to aid parts of Russia through another year. Our latest news from Russia, however, brings the sad story of six weeks of drought in sections relied upon to supply a large part of the new harvest on which Russia built her hopes.

So again comes the question, "Whence shall we buy bread that these may eat?"

Can we expect anything else than that suffering Russia will again turn her eyes and hopes in the direction of America?

They have done their very best to provide for their own by laboring hard for the harvest. But in some sections the entire harvest will equal only one-twentieth of the seed sown. In the new failure, and with a fresh emergency facing Russia, it is natural that the poor suffering ones will again cry out to the only country equal to the task imposed by their former life-or-death crisis.

Meeting the most recent appeal will be no such task as confronted the American Relief Administration. The 200 members of the American administrative force and their 80,000 Russian helpers have so distributed the more than 750,000 tons of food supplies that the millions of Russia have been pulled nearly free from the famine quicksands into which they were sinking. It was expected that the new Russian harvest would complete the task, but failure came instead.

Shall we now leave them and turn away, while many die with safety almost within their grasp? There is still a work to be done, and we must be about it.

American Christian Relief Mission.

FOR RUSSIA, UKRANIA AND EASTERN EUROPE.

This Mission has been formed to meet the special and pressing emergency for sending food, clothing, money and medicine into the famine-stricken, plague-swept Province of Ukrania and other portions of Europe. The Mission is non-sectarian in its organization and ministry, seeking to minister to all, both Jew and Gentile alike, but feels a special burden to give much needed succor to our brethren in the Province of Ukrania. In this province alone, there are about 5000 congregations of Christian believers, of simple apostolic faith and practice, and these are in great need of help. We aim, therefore, to relieve their pastors and people first, and then, through them, to minister to others.

In order to form this mission and to facilitate its relief work, two well-known chartered Missionary Organizations, THE RUSSIA EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY, of New York, THE CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY TO THE JEWS, of Philadelphia, have agreed to unite for the relief work, while continuing to function for the purposes for which they were chartered. The Treasurers of the two organizations will serve also for the Relief Mission, and money sent to either Treasurer and designated for relief will be promptly forwarded to the field.

Pastor O. R. Palmer, Rev. Henry L. Hellyer, Herman B. Centz and Moses H. Gitlin recently visited the field to investigate conditions and to distribute relief. Mr. Palmer has returned to make conditions known here in America, while the others are continuing in Russia for the present, to complete arrangements and perfect plans for the work.

The Russian people in general have been convinced that charity still exists which has no ulterior motive and which seeks no recompense for intelligent and willing co-operation. They have been convinced that this type of help centers in the United States, and millions of them gladly admit to-day that they owe their lives and the lives of their children to America. Failure of American Christians to respond to the appeal of Christians in the Ukraine, printed on page 8 of this magazine, might bring America down from the pedestal. "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

To Those Who Move.

If subscribers will notify us of change of address, it will save us the payment of return postage on part of the magazines returned because of incorrect address. Just a postal card, giving former and present address, will answer. Please send us the name of a friend or two who ought to be a Friend of Russia.

A Worth-While Act.

Making Friends for Russia would be a slow process by mail, if it were not for our present subscribers and friends throughout the country. If you will introduce THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD to your own personal friends, the missionary opportunities of the RUSSIA EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY will be multiplied many times. Please don't neglect it or put it off until some other time, because it is such a little thing to do. It is a worth-while act, and may be the means of multiplying your own gift a hundred-fold.

Sortavala Bible House.

In the July issue of THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD an appeal was made for gifts toward wiping out the $20,000 debt of the Sortavala Bible House. This debt was incurred in putting into operation the new equipment which recently turned out an edition of 80,000 Russian New Testaments for the British and Foreign Bible Society. There is no greater need in Russia to-day than for the Gospel on the printed page. No printing plant is in a better position to supply that need than the Sortavala Bible House, and we again offer to forward gifts made toward wiping out the debt incurred "for Russia's sake."

RUSSIAN EVANGELICAL MEETING AT PERKJARVI, FINLAND ON THE BORDER OF RUSSIA. OUR MISSIONARY DOBRININ IN CENTRE

On Russia's Border Land

Encouraging Report from Our Missionary A. Dobrinin, Near Petrograd.

Helsingfors, Finland, Sept. 1.

To the Executive Committee,
"Interbiblo," New York.

Dear Brethren in the Lord:—

It was with joy that I received your letters of August 6 and 14. I deeply believe that our mutual work is now going to be better than it has been up to this time. Your letters have infused new courage into me, and I am now in entire readiness to sow the Word of the Lord in many unevangelized portions of Finland, among the Russians.

Our evangelistic meetings will be held in six or seven places in Finland, within a radius of about 400 kilometers (250 miles). Spiritually and physically I am now ready for the conflict, that by our war with the powers of darkness we may open to the people the way to the knowledge of God. Pray, brethren, that I may be from the beginning to the end a faithful weapon in the hands of God.

I have now gained a large new evangelized portion, Helsingfors. I now have in mind to win for the Lord, as much as in me lies, the east (from Kelomaki) and the west (to Helsingfors), and to lead the people under pure Evangelical direction. By the help of God, through the help of the Gospel, we must create in them a new life. The facts concerning our meetings from the Russian frontier to Helsingfors I will communicate to you soon.

I will soon write to you again. May the Lord bless you abundantly in all things. Remember, the Russian people are perishing, and we must save them.

Entirely yours, your least fellow-worker in the harvest field of God.

A. Dobrinin.

Missionary Letters

Interesting Field Notes from Rev. Paul L. Mishkoff and Marko Karatanasoff.

Philippople, Bulgaria, Aug. 8, 1922.
My Dear Brother Smith:—

I am very glad to know that everything is working out so nicely. Surely the Lord is in our coming together, and I am certain He is going to bless our fellowship and work together.

I expect to be away for three weeks, because I intend to make a tour of several towns in North Bulgaria, where the people are waiting for me for religious meetings. I hope that a general religious awakening will take place. The people are calling for Scriptures, and I am going there to do my best to satisfy their requests. This is our aim, that the Word of God—in printed form and by word of preaching—may have the widest circulation possible. The Lord is doing things these days. May He help us to be up to the mark in service to Him.

I intended to arrange Bible training courses to prepare others for the work. The field is great, but *the workers are few.*

It would be good if we could open a Bible store here, to sell Bibles and religious books. We have some good spiritual books in the Bulgarian language, and our monthly paper, "Spiritual Renewal," is doing good work. One man who was trying to get a divorce from his wife was brought to Christ as he read the paper, and went back to her. The wife afterward said:—"Our home, which was hell on earth, has changed into a little heaven."

The work among the children is especially good, as the children carry the fire into their own homes. In Karlovo during the meetings several families confessed their faith in Jesus Christ as their Saviour. In Kazanluk a man who had been drunk all the week, had gone home at all hours, sometimes two, sometimes at three, and some nights not at all. Now this man is sober, and he knows that the Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven him. The whole home has been transformed. I am greatly encouraged of this good work. The Almighty is with us. I hope some day I will come to America to tell the people what God is doing in Bulgaria.

May you all be encouraged to go in the work of the Lord, knowing your work is not in vain, and that also from Bulgaria the members of His Body may be brought out.

My greetings to you all. With prayer and good wishes, Sincerely yours in Him,

PAUL L. MISHKOFF.

August 12.

I am sending you Brother Karatanasoff's report, who is our only colporteur for the present. I send his picture, too. He says:—

"It is with a sense of my weakness and unworthiness that I present this report. I am sensible of how little has been that which I have accomplished during these two months. However, I endeavor to do more and better work for God and our country; to win more souls for the Lord Jesus Christ. I have sold 80 Bibles, 64 New Testaments, and 270 different portions of the Scripture.

"I thank God that he has enabled me and put before me great opportunities not only to spread the Word of God, but to speak for Jesus Christ. My constant prayer is: 'Lord, help me to do Thy work as Thou wishest me to do it, and let my labor be not in vain.' And, Glory be to God! He answers my prayer. He leads me step by step, and says: "Stop here! Speak to this man!" And how wonderfully He is blessing every word said in His name.

"I have had many interesting conversations with different people in towns and villages. And the conversations have many times turned into real evangelistic meetings as the throng increased by newcomers. I have seen

many souls coming to Jesus Christ. Men and women have promised to lead Christian lives according to God's Word.

"One man stopped me in the street the other day and said: 'O, how nice it was yesterday!' I asked him: 'What you mean?' And he said: 'The meeting; the word of salvation you spoken to us. We have learned to love Jesus.'

"I have not traveled much because of the lack of money. The field is large and the doors are opened, but the workers are very few. Let us pray that God will send more and more workers into the field."

MARKO KARATANASOFF.

Let me add a word more. The lack of money is a great hindrance in our work. We are not able to buy Bibles, and can't plan much traveling. I plead for money! *I make an urgent appeal to friends of our society.* We need increased help in meeting not only the current expenses, but for extension of our work into unreached districts. Funds are urgently needed to carry on the usual work, as well as to open new agencies. *Now is the time to win Bulgaria for Christ.* "Give ye them to eat." We appeal to every reader of THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD to help generously in this great work. May God richly bless you all. Very sincerely yours in His blessed service.

PAUL L. MISHKOFF.

A Missionary Note.

Helsingfors, Finland, Sept. 17, 1922.
Dear Brethren in the Lord:—

I received your letter of August 17th, with checks for 9090 Finnish marks. Out of the depths of my heart I thank you for your brotherly love and concern about the Lord's work here and about me. The sum which you sent will help the work very much just now. I will spread the Lord's work just as diligently as possible. From our side there are now great outer as well as inner opportunities. I am going out to the mission stations and building up the work in Helsingfors. We shall see afterwards what the results of our work will be; we cannot judge accurately from our present standpoint, but we will do all that we can at this time. Pray for us. May the Lord cover you, dear ones, with the billows of His grace. Wholly yours in the Lord. A. Dobrinin.

P. S. I. S. Prokhanov is expecting a letter from you.

An Eye Witness.

Recent dispatches to *The New York Times* state that Russia's harvest prospects have dwindled to a point where the country is threatened with a winter of unprecedented hardness. The situation has become so alarming to Moscow that expenditures have been reduced and requisitioning expeditions have been dispatched to every district in an attempt to collect sufficient grain to stave off complete famine in the cities until the next harvest, declares an inspector of a great international concern just out of Russia. This informant was sent to Russia to study food, transportation and financial conditions. All three, he declares, are in a hopeless condition. It is evident that America cannot lay down the task which she has set herself of feeding the starving until adequate harvests can be produced within the suffering land.

If it is in your heart to minister "unto one of the least of these my brethren," as Jesus Christ said, go over your wardrobe with the following list in hand and decide what you desire to give. Perhaps some of your luxuries or even your comforts may become the necessity of a freezing friend during the winter so soon coming on. You can face the winter with complacency; the needy ones face it with dread, even with fear of death!

Coats Sweaters Dresses Blankets Wool Shirts Heavy Hosiery Wool Gloves Mittens Boots Shoes (tied in pairs) Shop-worn Garments Sheets for Bandages New Cloth for Garments Any heavy clothing in which there is still some wear.

Gather all you can spare. Ask your friends to do the same.

Send gifts of clothing, shoes, etc., to American Christian Relief Mission, 108 Dobbin Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Scripture Fund.

In the Eighth Avenue Mission, in New York City, where Mr. Centz, our Field Director, was giving a Bible study just before he sailed for Europe, the leader asked if the Bibles were to be distributed. An affirmative reply was given, and immediately every person in the room was handed a Bible from the supply closet. What a contrast to the condition in Russia! Only recently a story came from Russia of a religious gathering without a Bible to be found, and again we read of a man hearing of a Bible sixty miles away, and walking all that distance throught the snow and cold to get it. One or two Bibles to a congregation is common.

If there are 150,000,000 people in Russia, Central and Southeastern Europe still unsupplied with the Scriptures, and one-fifth of them (30,000,000 people) really want a Bible, how long will it take to supply the demand?

The entire output of the American Bible Society in its 100th year was 7,204,497 pieces—Bibles, Testaments and portions. With the entire output of this century-old Bible Society available for the one purpose, it would be four years before 30,000,000 pieces of any kind could be supplied. It makes one feel as though they were gazing into a bottomless pit. With this very comforting difference, however, that every Bible, every Testament, every portion of Scripture does reach an individual, a family, a group, a community. So every gift for the Scripture Fund reaches a mark.

Acknowledging Gifts.

Owing to the space given to the Russian famine appeal in this issue of THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD, it is impossible to acknowledge receipt of gifts in this number. We are grateful to the friends who have remembered the Lord's work in the vast field of Russia and Central and Southeastern Europe. It will rejoice their hearts to know that we have just forwarded $1500 more with which Bibles, Testaments and Scripture portions will be purchased at the depots of the British and Foreign Bible Society nearest our points of distribution.

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Dear Sir:—

I will give ..... dollars monthly for ..... months to feed the Starving ones in the Ukrania famine district.

I enclose ..... dollars herewith for the above purpose.

I will send ..... barrels, ... boxes, ... bundles of clothing.

Please send your appeal to names on the other side of sheet.

Name .....

Address .....

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Additional Native Missionaries are available for Missionary Service in many places which will be visited by our Directors. These volunteers know the language where they will be called to service, and need no training other than that already received. They are already in the field, and are well qualified to serve the Lord in Missionary labors. They are "under marching orders," and will be commissioned as gifts for their support are received.

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Printed matter or general information concerning the work may be had from either office or from Mr. Palmer, 2244 N. 29th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

This Mission was formed to meet a special and pressing emergency for sending food, clothing, money, medicine, etc., into the famine-stricken, plague-swept Province of Ukrainia and other portions of Europe. It is non-sectarian in its organization and ministry, seeking to minister to all, both Jew and Gentile alike, but feels a special burden to give much needed succor to **Our Suffering Christian Brethren** in the Province of Ukrainia. In this Province alone there are about 5,000 congregations of Christian believers, of simple apostolic faith and practice, and these are in great need of help. We aim, therefore, to relieve their pastors and people, first, and then through them to minister to others.

In order to promote this Mission and to facilitate its relief work, two well-known chartered Missionary Organizations, **The Russia Evangelization Society, of New York, and The Christian Testimony to Jews, of Philadelphia,** while continuing to function for the purposes for which they were chartered, have agreed to unite for the relief work. The Treasurers of the two Organizations, Col. E. N. Sanctuary, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., and Mr. Edward A. Steele, 1600 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa., will serve also for this Relief Mission, and money sent to either Treasurer, and designated for relief, will be promptly forwarded to the field.

Investigation Commission

Pastor O. R. Palmer and Rev. Henry L. Hellyer accompanied by Herman B. Centz and Moses H. Gitlin, recently visited the field to investigate conditions and to distribute relief. Mr. Palmer has returned to make conditions known in America, while the others are continuing in Russia for the present, to complete arrangements and perfect plans for the work.

Pastor Palmer brings details from his personal observation of the terrible conditions and from information gathered by the Soviet authorities and the International Committee for Russian Relief.

The source of statistics herewith presented is largely from Bulletin No. 22, issued by the International Committee for Russian Relief, which gives the population of the Province of Ukrainia as 26,000,000. Of this number, they report 5,000,000 in a starving condition, and recent Government statistics place the number at 6,000,000.

CAUSE OF THE FAMINE IN UKRAINIA

The cause of the famine in Ukrainia is a severe and continued drought coming upon this fertile province, which ordinarily can care for itself and furnish food for other sections. This drought, with a decrease in the acreage sown, a breakage and wearing out of agricultural implements which have not been replaced, and a loss of one-half of the horses needed to cultivate the soil, have combined to produce the distressing conditions.

Official Statistics of Famine Conditions

District	*Population*	*Starving*	*Per Ct.*
Odessa	1,951,000	350,000	18%
Nikolayev	1,420,000	700,000	50%
Ekaterinoslaw	1,910,000	770,000	40%
Zapeorozhe	1,288,000	1,000,000	78%
Donetz	3,112,000	675,000	22%

PREVAILING CONDITIONS AS TAKEN FROM SAME REPORT

If one goes into the country, enters the hospitals and houses, he will witness awful tragedies and be convinced of the terrible distress which has come upon the people. The land is burnt black and stripped of trees and plants. The straw of the roofs has been used for food for men and cattle; the people have eaten dogs, cats, crows, and dead cattle. You hear and get proof of cannibalism, and see the people like skeletons lying in houses awaiting death, with no relief in sight. You see hospitals with no beds, linen, or medicine, and often with no physician, people lying on the floors in the utmost misery.

WHO ARE AFFECTED?

All are affected, native Ukrainians and other nationalities living in the land. On some, however, the burden falls especially heavy. For instance, the "Bulletin" says of the Jewish population, which in some large centers numbers one-fourth to one-third of the whole population, "many are suffering greatly and subsisting for the most part in a state of extreme misery." The German colonists, formerly prosperous, living near the Sea of Azoff and the Black Sea, harvested only about one-twentieth of the seed grain they had sown, have exhausted their reserve supplies, lost over 90 per cent. of their horses and 50 per cent. of their cattle, and are in danger of extermination. In 1921 the percentage of starving among them was placed at 79, and this has increased with the continued drought.

DISEASE

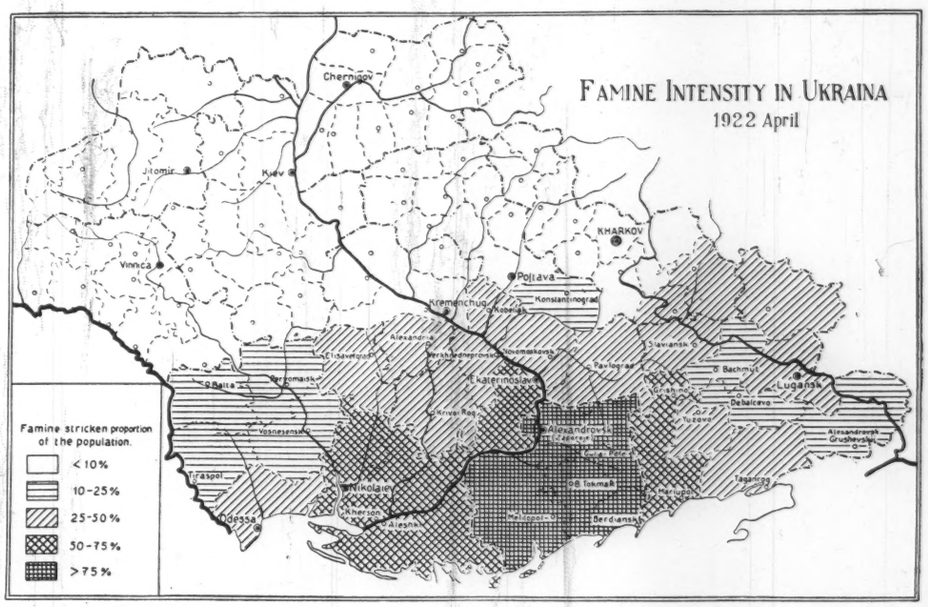
The famine conditions have greatly increased the susceptibility to disease. Epidemics, such as typhus and cholera, are raging, and the percentage of mortality is very great.

THE CRY OF THE SUFFERING

Is piteous in the extreme. We quote from one:—"In the name of humanity (and we add, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who had compassion on these multitudes), have pity on us, come to our help; we are perishing."

WHAT DO THEY NEED?

They need food, money, clothing, medicine.



AMERICAN CHRISTIAN RELIEF MISSION

Starving Children

HOW CAN HELP BE GIVEN?

Relief can be sent through the various Relief Associations which are doing commendable work in Ukrainia, or it may be sent directly through the Treasurers of the **American Christian Relief Mission,** Col. E. N. Sanctuary, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., or Mr. Edward A. Steele, 1600 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Money sent to either of these addresses will be forwarded promptly as will also relief supplies. Shipments of clothing should be addressed, however, to The Christian Testimony to Jews, care of the American Friends' Service Committee Storeroom, 108 Dobbin Street, Brooklyn, New York, or to their Storeroom, 1521 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Further information concerning conditions in the Ukrainia or about measures of relief, may be had by addressing either office of the Mission.

THE GENERAL CONDITIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE

Conditions in general are very bad as one proceeds East on the Continent even before crossing the border into Russia. Think of a Christian living on 17,000 Polish marks a month, a little over three dollars in our money, and having a wife and three children to support. They are compelled to live almost entirely on coarse, black bread and that in insufficient quantity. On crossing the border, however, conditions rapidly grow worse. There is apparently a fine harvest in the northern part of Ukrainia, but in the country as a whole, there is a marked deficit in the acreage sown to wheat and rye, the great staples of the country.

WHAT MONEY CAN ACCOMPLISH

Careful inquiry of those already engaged in the relief work shows that a child can be fed one good meal a day, sufficient to sustain life (and we looked in the happy faces of many such), for **one dollar a month;** two dollars for an adult. How few there are in America who could not save at least one precious life. A ten dollar food package, which we can buy of the American Relief Association established in the various centers, provides three people with three meals per day for a month.

For individuals or groups with larger means, $500 a month establishes a feeding station for 500 children, and $1,000 per month gives the same number of adults one good meal a day.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Along with this relief of suffering humanity there is a glorious opportunity of giving the Gospel to the people, and what better opportunity could there be of preparing the soil, or of showing the Good News of our Saviour and our salvation! The Government officials have most kindly granted us the privilege of shipping in and distributing Gospels, Testaments, Bibles, and Hymn Books, for all of which there is a great need and call. For this and all the gracious leadings of our Lord we are full of praise, and look to Him to continue to be our sufficiency for the work.

(Signed) O. R. PALMER.

The following letters from Churches in Ukrainia show their appreciation of the visit of the friends from America and their great need of succor.

Kiev, July 21, 1922.

DEARLY BELOVED BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:

The Union of Evangelical Christians in the District of Kiev, composed of 365 congregations and groups send you hearty Greetings in the love of Christ, and wishes to express sincere gratitude for the great care you have for us as expressed in the persons of Brethren Palmer, Hellyer and Centz, who by their sojourn among us and holy fellowship with us, have brought us much blessing and encouragement. Especially do we wish to emphasize the blessed ministry of Pastor O. R. Palmer, whose messages were full of love and encouragement, and which can be likened to those of the Apostle John.

In addition to their spiritual work, the above mentioned Brethren have personally investigated our needs; evidently the Lord Himself led them to come to us across the wide ocean not counting the difficulties and hindrances, that they might personally see the circumstances in which we live. They have done a work worthy of commendation for which only the Lord will reward them with His Heavenly blessing.

The Holy Spirit prompts us through these Brethren to inform the people of God in America concerning the following:

Our land is experiencing an unprecedented hunger. It is impossible to describe in detail the terribleness of this scourge. Death daily carries away its thousands of victims. People walk about swollen or emaciated with hunger. There are places where in one grave there are buried more than a thousand people who died of hunger. In evidence of this we give a cutting from a newspaper of May 9, 1922:

"In some places groups of people, feeling that the end is near, go to the cemeteries and remain there to die so as not to burden other starving people to care for their bodies."

We see that the judgments of God are being poured out upon the land not so long ago full of plenty, except in spiritual awakening; but at the present time the field is cultivated by hunger and suffering and we cannot wait with the sowing of the pure seed of the Word of God. In view of the above we turn to you, Beloved Brothers and Sisters, asking that you will not refuse us help at this time. We call to you from far away Ukrainia. We who yet remain among the living stretch out our hands to you and through these Brethren ask you to respond to our cry and not to allow us to suffer beyond

A Feeding Station for Children

our power to endure. In our Union we have about 30 Evangelists and workers who with their families number about 150 persons, most of whom are hungry and half naked, but in spite of this they are determined, looking to the Lord Jesus Christ to stand fast in His work unto the end, believing He will not forsake them, and that He will send them help before long. We think it also necessary to bring to your attention that in addition to the physical famine there is also great spiritual hunger among us. We have no Bibles, Testaments or song-books, nor do we have any other spiritual literature which is so necessary for the spreading of the Kingdom of God.

We hope that the echo of our cry will reach every corner of America and that the people of God who hear it will be ready to respond with help thereby saving many from physical and spiritual death.

Again accept our hearty greetings through Brothers Palmer and Hellyer, and believe us to be

Your Brethren in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Executive Committee of the Union of Evangelical Christians in the District of Kiev,
I. TKATCHENKO, V. EGOROFF, S. SUDAREFF, L. SHENDEROWSKY, E. SHEVCHENKO, P. ERMAKOFF.

From the Council of the All-Ukrainian Baptists

Kiev, July 21, 1922.

TO OUR DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST IN AMERICA:

From the 14th to the 21st of July, we have had with us in Kiev our dear Brother Palmer who transmitted to us verbally as well as by letter your brotherly greetings and your warm expressions of fellowship. We were made very happy and were comforted in our grief by these. In addition, Brother Palmer was of great personal blessing and comfort to us by his conferences, sermons, and by personal contact.

We thank you heartily, dear Brethren, for visiting us in the person of Brother Palmer, for your greeting, and for your remembrance of your needy brethren. May God give you every spiritual and temporal blessing.

We think that our present condition is known to many of you, and therefore we will not speak about it. Even if we wanted to we could not paint a complete picture of the poverty and terrible conditions around us. Most of our Brethren are without money, without bread, clothing, or heating material. Whatever help we have received has been only as a drop into an ocean. We ask you Brethren to pray for us in your country, and if God will put it in your hearts to send us any material help, we will ever remain most grateful to you.

With Brotherly Greetings, your Brethren in the Lord,

President, D. PRAVOVIEROFF; *Secretary*, A. NESTERENKO. *Members of Council*, I. PRAVOVIEROFF, I. MILLER.

Emergency Hospital for Famine Sufferers

A DISTRESSING SITUATION

With the exception of the farming communities, there is little employment for the people. If work can be obtained, wages are very low when counted in the terms of our money, while food and all necessary supplies are abnormally high. Potatoes cost 7 cents of our money per pound; white bread 12 cents per pound; and if one could afford the luxury of sugar, it would cost 30 cents per pound. The clothing of the people is worn out, little is being manufactured to replace it, and the great majority have no means for purchasing, even if there was an abundant supply. The coming winter will bring acute suffering and possibly death to many.

On no class of people has the burden fallen more heavily than on that which, under the old regime, we might call the upper classes, and by that we mean the property holders, the better educated class of people, etc. Unaccustomed to manual labor, even if employment could be found, many of them have parted with whatever articles of value they possessed for food, until they are reduced to abject poverty and to the verge of starvation. It is people of this kind—helpless, perishing children and refugees fleeing from famine districts, that our relief associations are administering to, and each one of them with which we came in contact deserves the hearty support of liberty-loving and liberal-hearted Americans.

If such conditions prevail in the large centers outside the famine districts, imagine for a moment the situation where crops are a failure, the people reduced to famine conditions, emaciated or swollen by hunger, dragging themselves to cemeteries to die, buried by hundreds, if buried at all, in a common grave. We cannot paint the picture, even if we had the heart to do so, and have no desire to harrow the feelings of our readers. Suffice it to say that the 6,000,000 people in a starving condition, must perish before another harvest comes **unless outside help reaches them.**

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

It surely should need no words of ours to show that the opportunity for relieving the suffering and also of saving lives is almost unlimited. The task, however, is so stupendous, the need so immense, and our individual resources are so limited, that people of little faith might say with Andrew, "What are these among so many?" (John 6: 5-12). Let us not forget, however, that we have a living Lord, who can still multiply loaves and fishes, and that He has His eye on these famishing multitudes for whom He has most tender compassion.

We would also remind our readers that it was the meagre supply of the lad that our Master used to feed the multitude, and that He fed the most when He had the least with which to do it. And will those who fear that in their giving to the Lord there may be a lack for themselves, remember that when the multitudes were fed, the disciples gathered up far more than they had when they began to feed the hungry. "There is a giving that increaseth." How poor the believers who have not proved this to be true.

Effect of Famine: Emaciation or Swelling